# Over Mason's Speech on Maine Dinaster.

### SLURS ON NAVY DEPARTMENT

# Bring Down Upon His Head Excoriations By Wolcott.

#### AN APPRIPRIATION TO RAISE WRECK

"All We Know is That the Maine Blew Up." is the Way Secretary Long Sume

#### "THE MAINE BLEW UP,"

Known of the Disaster, WAHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The feature of

anybody else."

The Secretary also denied briefly and comprenousively wild rumors that he had requested the Calef of Police of New York to guard the Viscaya and that he had selected Constructor Bowles to go to stay and raise the Maine.

The last work of the day for him was to consult the representatives of the wrecking companies who probably will have charge of this work and endeavor to arrange for both of them to work to-select, so as to secure the use of each peculiar plant and to save time. The Secretary when asked what was the Department's estimate of the conduct of parament's estimate of the conduct of Captain Simbee in the terrible situation in which he had been placed, replied:

compliments sigsbell.

Think I express the feeling of the President as well as my own, when I say that Capital Susbee has conducted himself as an officer of our savy should. He was the last to leave his sing when she went down. His dispatch to me that right was so complete that since then I have thought of no question of fact to ask him which is essential to the situation, and which he could answer, which is not covered by that dispatch. Its tone too, is that of a discreet and lover-headed tous who realized the impression any word from him, at that time, would have on the public mind. Nothing is harder than for a naval officer to lose his ship so that I have great sympathy for him. I wall with confidence further reports."

During the day the Department was in receipt of a number of telegrams from COMPLIMENTS SIGSBEE.

receipt of a number of telegrams from different parts of the country saking in behalf of the relatives of the dead suffers that their remains be brought back to the United States for internent.

Among them were queries from friends of the two officers, Merrit and Jenkins. To most of these the teply was that the officers' hodies had not been found, and to the others that in many cases identification, has not been found.

cation had not been possible and there was no probability of taking any of the remains away from Havana.

While no declaion has been reached formally upon the application of the Spanish government for authorization to

examine the wreck of the Maine to as-certain the cause of the explosion, the efficials seem inclined to regard their re-quest as one that could not properly be refused and it is likely that each govern-ment will make us investigation of this haracter property. THE MAINE MODEL

GENERAL LEE'S REPORT. General Lee was heard from in the mane of the following coblegram at 1.95

n'or Muson's Charges. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18,-The House

adoption of the resolution with a minor ameridment without debate. Mr. Mason (of Illineis), however, proposed a substitute providing for an investigation to be conducted by a joint committee of the two branches of Corgress.

Upon this the Illinois Senator delivered a speech, in which he said the people demonded the truth concerning the explosion, and declared that they would not be satisfied with the investigation to be conducted by the officers of the may, who would ever up any blame that the feets might show attached to them.

He flerrely debounced the policy of the Government in dealing with the Cuban question, late which he went at length, and declared that the United States had adopted the policy of Spain in putting cerything off until to-morrow.

Sharp replies to Mr. Mason's charges were made by Mr. Wolcott (of Colorado) and Mr. Lodge (of Massachusetts). The resolution which precipitates the discussion finally went to the releadar.

Seon after this Mr. Hall introduced the following joint resolution:

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Seen after this Mr. Hall introduced the llowing joint resolution:

"That the Secretary of the Navy be, in the secretary of a wrecking company of meant and efficient performance of substitution of the officers and men less the United States steamer Maine, and saving the vessel or such parts thereand so much of her stores, gons, mad, equipment, fittings and appurtances as may be practicable; and for is purpose the sum of 200,000 or so much present as may be necessary. Is hereby

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The resolution was prepared at the Naval Department and introduced at the request of Secretary Long, who, in forwarding it to Mr. Hale, also sent a letter explaining its purpose, Ho says in this letter that:

"It is deemed proper and important that steps should be taken immediately to receiver the remains of the officers and men lost on the occasion of this most deplorable calastrophe, to raise the vessel, or to save such parts of her armament and equipment as may be practicable."

Mr. Mason hoped that provision would be made for the transportation of the bodies to the United States and for their burial in this country. To that end he pro-posed an amendment to the resolution.

as follows:

"After the word 'thereof' and before the word 'and' insert the following: 'And' for the transportation and burial of the rémains of the officers and men so far

The amendment was agreed to and the resolution as amended was passed.
The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. mittee on Naval Affairs to make an immediate investigation of the disaster to the Maine was laid before the Senate Mr. Mason, or Illinois, proposed an amendment striking out all after the word "resolved and inserting therefor: "By the Senate and House of Representatives resolved that a joint committee of tive, consisting of three members of the House of Representatives and two members of the Senate, by appointed to inhers of the Senale, be appointed to in-

Maine." Mr. Hale expressed the hope that Mr. Mason would not press his substitute. The disaster, he said, was even now being thoroughly investigated by the Exdepartment of the government

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# PARTY VOTE TO SEAT THORP

It is Conceded that the R publican Majority Will Oust Mr. Epos.

## PLURALITY IS CLAMED FOR EPES.

The Report of the Sub-Committee Made By Mr. Miers Says the Contestant at Nearly Every Point Failed to Prove Fraud or Irregularity.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.-Speial.-Mr. Miers, of Indiana, of the subommittee on the Thorpe vs. Epes case reported the views of the minority to the

nanner in which the Republican majority of the sub-committee railroaded its re-

FAILED TO PROVE CASE. Then entering into the merits of the asc, the minority proceeded to show not at nearly every point the contest-

ase was proved all right, according to

The Democratic members of the cem-mittee and other friends of Epes are hold in their denunciation of Republican meth-

#### SIGSBLE WARNED.

A Circular Bearing the Words "Look Out for Your ship," Sent to H.m. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Herald's

washington correspondent says: Capiain C. D. Signbee, commanding the second class battleship Maine, was warned of an imponding disaster to his vessel two weeks before the catastropho

Mrs. Sigsbee further told me that misband had made no mention of

ago, having been releved from the same by Paymaster Charles M. Ray, I learned that Captain Sigsbee had received the circular while going to the bull fight which be attended on January 20th, in company with other officers of the vessel. Mr. Littlefield was unable to witness the sport on account of some pressing work, but in talking with the Captain during the evening be learned that while that while that officer was foreing his way through a crown the circular was forced into his hand. Captain Sigsbee mechan-ically clutched and brought the paper with him to his ship.

"The Captain paid no attention to the circular," said Mr. Littlefield, "except to loke about it. No one for a moment thought it was a warning, and I do not believe it was. Captain Sigsbee took every precaution possible to prevent any attempt to injure his vessel. From my

### SAYS HE KNOWS THE CAUSE.

The Naval Attache of the Spanish Legation wave He Can Explain the Explosion. NEW YORK, Feb. 18 .- The Herald to-

morrow will say:
Lieut. J. G. Sobrat, naval attache of the
Spanish Legation at Washington, was in
this city yesterday, actively co-operating
with the authorities in preparations for
the ensuring of the safety of the Spanish warship Vizcaya, during her stay in this

Lieut. Sobrai was asked for his ex-

Lieut. Sobrai was asked for his ex-planation of the explosion on the battle-snip Maine. His reply was:
"I know the cause of the explosion, but I cannot divulge it."
He was pressed for further information on this point, and finally replied.
"It was the result of an explosion in-side the ship, which took place in one of the forward magazines. The fact of the matter is that the discipline and the watch observed on the ship was very the matter is that the discipline and the watch observed on the ship wers very lax. This, as one English newspaper declared, is the case on American warships generally. This sort of thing has occurred on previous occasions on American war vessels."

When Lieutenant Sobral was spoken to about the possibility of serious trouble over the maine affair, he said:

"I do not think there will be war between the United States and Srain, but if such an unfortunate condition should arise. I shall, of course, be in a position to be of much aid to my government, as

to be of much aid to my government, as the result of information which has come to my knowledge while naval attache at the Spanish Legation. In case of hostili-ties, I might, perhaps, command a ship.

## THE FIZCAYA ARRIVES.

Six Patrol Tugs and the Watch Boats to

Six Patrol Tugs and the Vessel.

MEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Spanish armored cruiser Vizlaya is in New York waters. She dropped anchore five miles south of Sandy Hook lightship at 5:30 P.

harber, and of the downfall of former Minister De Lome, they broke into a wild proper of talk.

For a couple of minutes all discipline in the great warship seemed to vanish

will come up to the anchorage selected for her in the upper bay. Hear-Admiral bunce has given final inrear-Admiral bunce ass given and the structions to Lieutemant John A. Dough-ersy, who will have charge of the patrol tugs, six in number, to guard the Span-ish Cruiser Vizcaya during her stay in

this vicinity.

While on duty the boats are to patrol carefully the waters in the vicinity of the visiting Spantard, and no host or person will be allowed to approach the Vizzaya without the ranction of the com-

manding officer of that vessel.

At night it is intended to keep the ship brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, and the watch beats will be also well lighted so that there can be no-

ecretary of the Navy, last night, that recautions be taken against the pos-ibility of hestile demonstration upon

#### REFUSES TO TESTIFY.

Esterhazy Turns His Back on M. Labori,

judge. Call the next witness."

M. Labori vainly protested against this ruling, but an usher called Major Esterhazy, who immediately appeared, and amid profound silence, took the stand.

bordereau. What have you to an-

roof this miserable Mathleu Dreyfus as accused me of being guilty of his rother's crime. I have been judged by my peers, who have acquitted me, rut

## SENATORIAL PRIMARIES.

The Virginia Democratic Association Dehate the Onestion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Few 18.-See clal.—The joint debate in the Virginia Democratic Association of Washington to-night on the method of electing United

spirited.

As President R. N. Harper was down for participation in the discussion, Mr. Prank E. Anderson, formarly of Richmond, presided.

The two principal species were made.

o's rights, cited from Mason, Madison, Jeffer-and Tucker, and others, to prove his l. It was altogether an up-to-slate

Mr. Thomas was exceedingly forceful on the side of election by the Legislature, as at present, Indeed, it was said that no stronger presentation of the present system was ever made than that by Thomas. He quoted Webster, Calhoun, and other statesmen.

Dr. S. L. Hannou also spoke in defence of the old method. T. W. Bollock and Frank Anderson backed up Dr. Harper for a change.

or a change. The association reserved its decision.

### UNBECOMING MASTE.

A Big Effort to Hurry Up the Report in the

WASHINGTON. Feb. 18.—Special.—A great effort is being made by friends of Brown, who is contesting Swanson's seat, to harry up the report. It is under-stood that the report of Crumpacker and Walker, the Republican members of the sub-committee, has been ready since a few days after the argument was heard

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It has been held back, it is thought, simply to conform somewhat to the notion of propriety. There was much unfavorable comment on the speed at which the majority submitted a typewritten report of III pages in the Thorp-Epes case new before the House.

The House Committee on Claims has recommended that the sum of £100.5 be paid to W. E. Judkins, executor of Lewis McKenzie, who ran for Congress in the Seventh district twice. McKenzie was a candidate for the Forty-first Congress, harless Whittiesey contested, but the consistee was scated. When he ran for the Forty-second Congress Elilott Braxton contested and was scated. It was claimed that McKenzie expended the above McKenzie expended the above amount in fees in defending his case The committee in recommending the claim, do it in accordance, they say, with a well established principle.

## An Exciting Rumor.

A wild rumor became painfully current n this city yesterday to the effect that Consul-General Fitzhush L e had be n assass.nated at Havana. Many excited quirers came or telephoned to the imes office, and asked if the awful rewaters. She dropped anchore five miles south of Sandy Hook lightship at 5:30 P.

M. after a thirteen days' voyage from the Canary Islands.

When her officers and men learned the startling news of the disaster to the American battle-ship Maine, in Havana Maine explosion at Havana created.

Times.

No Action Was Taken On the Names Submitted from Richmond.

#### WARWICK COUNTY CONTEST HEARD.

Dr. Crawford Was Held Up as a Machine Man Who Could Give the Tammany a Few Lessons-The University Appropriation Considered.

The Senate and House Committees or Privileges and Elections met last night to receive recommendations for the elec-

stood that other recommendations would be made from some other source.

Messrs, James T. Lewis, H. C. Boyer and Ford were recommended for the board in Henrico.

WARWICK CONTEST.

The centest from Warwick county was heard. Messra, J. H. Bonewell, S. S. Curtis and J. H. Clements constitute the board there at present. Dr. J. H. Crafford, the county chairman, recommended Messra, Bonewell and Clements for reappointment and in the place of Mr. Curils and appointment and in the place of Mr. Curils and provided the name of Mr. F. T.

Crafford with being a machine man was could give "Dick" Croker a few point. They said he ran the party to suit himself and listened to no advice. It was even suggested that he made up the jury lists, but County Clerk Smith indignant-

There will be hot times in the Senate when the appropriation bill comes up to day. Only members of the committee know what this act provides for, and I is taken for granted that inasmuch a

### FOR THE UNITERSITY.

The House Committee on Finance held mother lengthy session last evening in com No, I on the upper floor of the Capiof pullding, and listened to the argument presented by the representatives of the University of Virginia in advocacy of contining the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for that institution. Dr. ter and superintendent of grounds and publishes; Mr. Mann. S. Quaries, the trustee of the bond issue, and Mr. D. Har-man, the chairman of the Executive Committee submitted their views at some

mlittee submitted their views at some length.

The committee then went into executive stasion, to fix the amount to be appropriated for the institution, it will not be announced until the appropriation bill has been framed. So far the committee has agreed on the amounts to be inserted in that bill for William and Mary College, the Virginia Military Institute and the University of Virginia. While the amounts have not yet been given out for publication, yet it is well understood that substantial reductions will be made in each instance. The committee will on next Monday evening begin with the consideration of the appropriation bill praper.

DR PARKENGER'S STATEMENT.

In 1883 the State made a special appropriation of \$40.00) for the establishment of water works at the University, and two years ago the State allowed us to issue bonds: mounting to \$200.000 making a grand total of \$1.125.000 as the gift of the State. This shows that the State of Virginia has since the war received the sum of \$209.000 in annutities, etc., in excess of the amount which it has itself contributed to the University.

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"Besides this, there is another fact to be taken into consideration—the amount of mones senes in Viseins by students who come here from other States. Of outsiders nearly 6 per cent are the sons of old Virginians. It is to be assumed that the the two hundred students who come to the University from other States spend about \$10,000 a year in Virginia. Then, again there are in this State twenty-six preparatory schools for the University, and it can safely be said that the young men there who are non-residents

# WORK BEGUN ON THE BOARDS spend another \$100,000 annually in Virginia while obtaining their preparatory edu-

"The appropriation made by the State will not be a permanent burden upon the State. In 1205 the old debt of the institution will be wiped out, for which we pay now into the sinking fund the sum of \$7,220 annually. This amount can be saved to the State. Then, again, the University is the residuary legatee of the Austin bequest, amounting to \$495,000. This amount will become due at the death of

the Payerweather fund the sum of

When asked by Mr. Jennings, Dr. Bar-inger said the losses caused by the fire and been as follows: The old retunda cal apparatus from \$10,000 to \$12,000, making a total loss of about \$275,000, on which there was an insurance of only \$25,000, because the institution could not afford

because the institution count for alroya to pay a higher premium.

The resteration of the various buildings cost at least \$49,000, and the insurance was now \$79,000 on the old buildings, and \$150,000 on the new buildings. Since the fire the University had received the fol-owing amounts: Two hundred thousand deliver for the issue of bouls \$50,000 in

was \$2,000 and he gave a bond of \$50,000. He then rend the following statement showing how the appropriation of \$50,000 made by the State, has been expended: From the \$50.000 annuity to the Uni-crisity of Virginia \$30.000 must be first feducted as fixed charges whether the institution be closed or operated. This is interest on new debt..... 

Even if the University were closed the annual expenses for caretak-ers of this property-library, au-

which is secured by a second mortgage

TO PAY THE INTEREST. The \$10,000 appropriated by the State to be used for the payment of the interest on the bonds and to make pro-vision for a sinking fund for the final payment of the bonds. Under the apginia can obtain tuition without the cost of one dollar; they can take the degree of bachelor of arts, master of arts or can even take the post graduate course. There have been students at the University whose annual expenses are \$150. and \$25 respectively and it is a fair esti-mate that a student can live there well

for \$20 a year. Mr. Withrow then asked Dr. Barring-Mr. Withrow then asked to reach the common as the State aided the institution so promptly at the time of the fire, the University should not now, in view of the straightened financial circumstances the State, come to the rescue of the Dr. Barringer in turn asked Mr. With-

row whether the latter would begin re-trenchment in the maintenance of the property which had given the State the est returns or of the property that had rought in the least.
Mr. Withrow replied that if his credit stake he would lay down the last he had to maintain the obligations

made six years ago rather than forfeit

he same. Mr. Munn S. Quarles, of this city, the Mr. Mann S. Quarles, of this city, the vice-president of the Virginia Trust Company, who is the trustee of the bonds issued by the University under the mortage, stated that his people had acted in the interest of the University without special compensation. They had raised that large amount of money, but without any guarantee given on the part of the State to the bondholders the bands could not be placed. These bonds were free from all treation brought 5 per cent. In-

A QUASI CONTRACT.

Mr. D. Harmon, the chairman of the recuive Committee of the University that when the sale of the bonds be-they went at 105, but when the panic rred they fell some, but the balance been sold at par and a fraction over. mon, but the state state in the fire we undertook to restore the University upon a breader foundation and upon the estimate of the appropriation of the \$50.000 made by the State as a quasi contract. When the State gave us ermission to borrow \$200,000 we naturally sought that the State would continue the additional appropriation of \$10.00 for the rayment of the interest on the bonds.

"We have however, introduced considerable economy during the past two years and have saved the save as \$200.00 for \$200.00 f

and have saved the sum of \$8.200 in sala-ries, etc., of which amount \$2.600 annually off intervenients. We have established a hospital at an annual expense of 2500 where medical students may obtain practical knowledge besides their theoretical education. We have also opened a dispensary at an annual ex-pense of \$500, where 1,000 cases are treat-ed annually. If the appropriation from the State is to be cut down we will, of

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# A CHILD BURNED TO A CRISP

#### A Manchester Mother Thoughtless'y Left It Locked Up at Home.

# SET ON FIRE LY HIS LIT. LE SISTER.

Who Says That one Took a Piece of Lightwood Out of the Stove and Accidentally Struck It Against Little Brother.-A Very Unfortunate Affair-

Linwood Pinchbank, aged one and a half years, was set on fire by his sister Ruth, aged three years, at the home of their parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Olly Pinchbank, at No. 519 west Tenth street, Manchester, yesterday afternoon about 2

The mother left the house, locking the doors with the children inside, where they could get to the fire.

HEARD THE SCREAMS.

It has been the custom of Mrs. Pinch-back to leave the house to visit har neighbors for a few minutes at a time. While doing so her two children would be left in the room by the stove, where be left in the room by the stove, where a bright fire would always be burning. On yesterday afternoon she left her home to visit her neighbor, Mrs. Eurrus, During her absence another neighbor, Mr. John McCuliough, who was in his ward, had his attention attracted by terrine screams emanating from the house of Mrs. Finchback. On glancing in that direction he saw flames ascending to the ceiling inside the room.

A TERRIBLE SPECTACLE.

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Mr. McCollough rushed to the house, followed closely by his wife, with a bucket of water. He took the water and rushed into the room where a terrible

sight met his saze.

Linwood, the baby of the household, was sitting in a tall chair at the dining-room table burned almost to a crisp. The chair in which the child had been placed by its mother was also on fire. Mr. chair in which the child had been placed by its mother was also on fire. Mr. McCullough dashed the water on the blazing child and quenched the flames. The dving child was taken by Mrs. McCullough to her home and every thing possible done to save it. Drs. T. P. and W. P. Matthews were summoned, responding immediately. Every thing known by medical science was done by them to relieve the sufferer, but they gave little hopes of its recovery to the almost distracted parents. lmost distracted parents

HOW IT HAPPENED. Ruth, the sister, who was with the

Ruth, the sister, who was with the unfortunate child says she went to the open stove and took cut a piece of lighted wood and by some accident set fire to her brother's clothing. In a moment he was in a light blaze and burned until Mr. McCullough made his appearance and out the fire ance and put out the tre.

The mother and father are grief-stricken, the mother especially suffering painfully from chagrin and saguish.

The little sufferer lingered until 8 o'clock last night when death came to

assage of the Woman Nota les' Bill by

the Virginia Legislature Applanded.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Special.—On the 14th a congressional hearing was given to delegations from the National Woman's Suffrage Convention by committee from both Houses in the committee from at the Capitol. The senators from Arkansas and Rhode Island received the delegates led by the Rev. Anna Shrew. Very forcible were the arguments offered by the suffragists the Virginia Legislature Applanded. the arguments offered by the suffragists particularly the addresses by Mrs. Isabella Beccher Hooker, of Connecticut, and Mr. Henry B. Blackwell, of Massa-

chusetts.
The 14th instant was Miss Susan B. Anthony's reventy-eighth pirthday and many beautiful flowers were sent her. She was invited to dine at the elegant mansion of John R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer. Mrs. U. S. Grant mansion of John R. S. L. S. Grant chusti Enquirer. Mrs. U. S. Grant was one of the fifty guesis at the board. The whole of the convention was bidden to the reception which lasted from 3 to 5 o'clock. Mrs. McLean who was a daughter of General Beale, of Virginia.

Miss Anthony and Mrs. Grant were the receiving party.

The long table was beautifully adorned with flowers, fruit and confectioneries.

In the centre was an elegant cake, three cet in diameter, ornamented with seventy-eight wax candles. This magnificent onfection was later sent to the conven-

A very striking feature of this conven-A very striking feature of this convention is the number of young members. It is said that the pioneers in the movement are bringing their daughters and granddaughters, their neices and greatnieces to reap the fruits of the seed they sowed fifty years ago. It is noticeable also that the south is better represented than ever before. Miss Belle Kearney, of Mississippi made a very striking and effective address on Tuesday night. Miss Kearney is one of the finest women speakers in the country. She went from here to Alexandria to tell of her travels in

Alexandras to tell of her travels in Alexandras to tell of her travels in The convention shows much interest in the constitutional convention, now sitting in New Orleans and this A. M. the executive committee voted 500 to defray the expenses of some of the best speakers of the Suffrage Association of Louisiana. Miss Belle Kearney, of Mississippir Miss Laura Clay of Kentucky, and Mrs. Chapman, late of New York, were select-

ed for the work.

Information of the passage of the Woman Notaries bill by the Virginia Legislature was read in the convention today and was received with applaure.

The Bankruptey Bill.

The Bankruptey Bell,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The most of
the acceptant of the House to-day, which
lasted six hours, was devoted to a continuation of the debate on the bankruptey
till, which will come to a voice to-morrow,
The speakers to-day were Messrs, R.xey
(Dem. of virginia), Sulser (Dem. of New
York), Strode (Rep. of Nebraza), Connolly (Rep. of Hilmois), Grosvetor (Rep.
of Ohio), Sayers, (Dem. of Texas), and
Ray (Rep. of New York), in favor of the
bill, and Messrs, Kitchins (Rep. of North
Carolina), Linney (Rep. of North Carolina), Love (Dem. of Missispp), Ball
(Dem. of Texas), Henry (Dem. of Misssippi), Maguire (Dem. of California),
Bland (Dem. of Missouri), Bell (Pop. of
Colorado), Dearmond (Dem. of Missouri),
Wheeler (Dem. of Alabama), and Lloyd
(Dem. of Missouri), against it.
The House adjourned at 5:55 P. M.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- Forecast for

light rain; easterly winds.

North Carolina-Threatening weather and light rains; northeast to easterly

For Virginia-Threatening weather and

RANGE OF THERMOMETER. The following was the range of the tnermometer at The Times office yester-